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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A schedule management system comprising a plurality of terminal devices interconnected over a line for performing travel expense adjustment reimbursement processing, wherein

at least one of said plurality of terminals serves as a management terminal device which manages schedules of users managed in said system on an external storage apparatus;

each of said plurality of terminal devices other than said management terminal device serves as a schedule inputting terminal having an inputting device for inputting schedule information;

said schedule management system comprising:

an external storage apparatus for storing schedule information <u>having</u>

<u>classification and status data</u> inputted from said inputting device of said schedule inputting

terminal and travel expense <u>adjustment reimbursement</u> information representative of whether or

not travel expense <u>has been adjustment reimbursed has been performed</u>; and

a computer readable medium including:

code for extracting business trip schedule information based on said status and classification data,

code for comparing said travel expense adjustment-reimbursement information and said <u>business trip</u> schedule information with each other to search for <u>unadjusted</u> travel expense information <u>that has not been reimbursed</u>, and

code for determining whether or not a user of one of the terminals has indicated that the user wishes to <u>adjust\_reimburse</u> the <u>unadjusted</u> travel expense information <u>that</u> <u>has not been reimbursed</u>.



- 2. (Currently Amended) A schedule information management system according to claim 1, wherein said travel expense adjustreimbursement information includes first information identifying a person for whom the schedule information has been prepared and second information indicating the date of a business trip, said schedule information including third information identifying a person for whom the schedule information has been prepared and fourth information indicating the date of a business trip.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A schedule information management system according to claim 2, wherein the computer readable medium includes code for searching said first information and third information that corresponds to each other, and code for searching said schedule information having the fourth information which indicates a date that precedes a reference date and said travel expense adjustreimbursement information corresponding to said schedule information that has not been completed.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A user terminal provided in a schedule management system, the user terminal being one of a plurality of user terminals connected to a LAN, the plurality of user terminals being operable to manage schedules of a plurality of user, said user terminals comprising:

an inputting means for inputting <u>business trip</u> schedule information <u>including</u> status and classification data;

a schedule information editing means for editing the <u>business trip</u> schedule information obtained from said inputting means to information in a form for management on an external storage apparatus;

a schedule information storage means for storing the edited schedule information onto said external storage apparatus;

a searching means for searching business trip schedule information from the external storage apparatus based on said status and classification data;

<u>an a non-adjust unreimburs</u>ed travel expense information search means for collating, for reference of schedule information, the travel expense adjustreimbursement information stored on said external storage apparatus and the <u>business trip</u> schedule information



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stored on said external storage apparatus with each other to search for non-adjust unreimbursed travel expenses;

a schedule and message display/reply means for displaying the <u>business trip</u>
schedule information and the <u>non-adjust unreimburs</u>ed information on a screen of the terminal;
displaying means for displaying a query to a user as to whether or not the <del>non-adjust unreimburs</del>ed information is to be <u>adjust reimburs</u>ed;

a travel expense <u>adjustreimbursement</u> information inputting means for inputting travel expense <u>adjustreimbursement</u> information when <u>non-adjustunreimbursed</u> travel expenses are detected;

a travel expense adjustreimbursement information editing means for editing the travel expense adjustreimbursement information obtained from said adjustreimbursement information inputting means to information in a record form or a file for transmission; and means for transmitting the record or file edited by said travel expense adjustreimbursement information editing means to a person or section in charge of processing thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) A schedule management system according to claim 4, wherein said travel expense adjustreimbursement information search means searches for the travel expense adjustreimbursement information stored on said external storage means based on information identifying a person or information identifying a trip destination, and so that said travel expense adjustreimbursement information inputting means can input travel expense adjustreimbursement information based on the travel expense adjustreimbursement information in the past.

6-7. Canceled.

